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Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association

Executive Notes

Your Provincial Executive Council met on April 24 and April 25 in St. John's. A number of matters of importance to teachers were discussed. In an effort to keep you informed and up to date on the activities of Provincial Executive on your behalf, the following summary of major decisions made at the Executive meeting has been compiled.

Pensions/Negotiations
The Negotiating Team has met on April 22, 23, and is scheduled to meet again on April 29, 30 and May 1. A summary of actions will be provided in the next Bargaining Brief. For further information please contact Fred Andrews, Vice-President, or Ed Hancock in Benefits and Economic Services.

Secondment of Vice-President
The Vice-President has been seconded to the Association as Chair of the Negotiating Team. Fred Andrews can be reached at ext. 243.

Teacher Workload/Teacher Abuse
The issue of teacher workload and downloading on the classroom teacher were discussed. Concerns were also raised about the issue of teacher abuse and inaccurate allegations against teachers. Both topics were referred to Table Officers for further discussion or action. Please contact Brendan Doyle for further information.

Teacher Certification
A general discussion was held on teacher certification. Government has indicated an intention to increase fees with respect to certain provisions under the regulations and have expressed a desire to discuss possible revisions to the certification requirements. Further information can be obtained from Benefits and Economic Services.

Legal Aid Policy
The Association's Legal Aid Policy was revised as follows:

"No legal case initiated by a member will be supported at NLTA expense unless the Association has authorized support. Such support would have to be sought in advance of engaging legal services. Legal services or legal assistance provided in accordance with this policy shall mean the legal services of the law firm retained by the Association."

In addition, changes were made with regard to the appeal process. Provincial Executive Council will now be the group to hear an appeal from a decision of Table Officers, as opposed to a Board of Inquiry. For further information please contact the Benefits and Economic Services Division.

Election of Table Officers
Ted Murphy was elected as the new Table Officer. He replaces past president Art Baggs who will complete his one-year automatic term. Ted assumes his role as Table Officer and

parliamentarian on August 1, 1998. For more information please contact Brendan Doyle or Wayne Noseworthy.

Professional Development Position
The Administrative Staff Officer position in Professional Development has been made into a continuing position. This position is held by René Wicks and was previously a term contract to end in July. Please contact Wayne Noseworthy for further information.

1998 CTF AGM
The President, Vice-President, Executive Director, and two Executive members will be attending the 1998 CTF AGM this year. For further information please contact Brendan Doyle or Wayne Noseworthy.

The next regular meeting of Executive is scheduled for June 12 and 13, 1998, in St. John's. For further information please contact Geralyn Costello.